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Preface

Panorama English Reader Part -I is a supplementary book for class IX. In consonance with the spirit of the NCF – 2005, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Bihar, Patna has developed a new series of instructional materials in English (core course) for the **secondary stage**. It comprises a textbook and a supplementary reader.

The new series of instructional materials in English caters to the need of a composite course, at the secondary level, that can be used effectively in the actual classroom situation. The objective is to inculcate language skills as well as the skill of thinking in the learners so that they can effectively compete with any one in any field of life where we need to use language.

Panorama English Reader Part-I has been developed keeping in mind a specific issue - social justice and empowerment. A conscious effort has been made to provide interesting reading materials on this theme. The success stories of the people of socially marginalised class have been included with priority. The stories of successful women especially of marginalised class have also been included.

The entire course has been devised to facilitate maximum participation of the learners. The work that went into the preparation of the present course will be amply rewarded if the book proves to be a useful tool in the hands of the teachers in helping the vast majority of learners of English at the secondary level in Bihar. We feel that there is always room for improvement. We, therefore, are open to suggestions and will be pleased to entertain any suggestions in the subsequent editions.

We are grateful to the Textbook Development Committee for preparing the textbook at such a short notice. Dr. Shaileshwar Sati Prasad (**Chairman**), Dr. Subodh Kumar Jha (**Coordinator**), Emteyaz Alam, Dr. Baban Kumar Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Mr. Shashi Bhushan Dubey, Mrs. Mamta Mehrotra, Mr. Arshad Nizam, Mr. K.M. Tarique and Dr. Abhay Kumar deserve special mention for their painstaking efforts.

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A Word to the Users

Panorama English Reader Part -I, the supplementary reader for class IX, is based on the new syllabus framed in the light of the recommendations suggested in NCF - 2005. As such, it seeks to provide as much opportunity as possible to the learners to analyse, interpret and most importantly to apply their learning to life. One way of achieving this objective is to encourage the learners to read and enjoy the pieces included in this Reader on their own as far as possible. The teacher's intervention should be reduced to the minimum.

The selection of pieces in **Panorama English Reader Part -I** has been made keeping in mind the issues of social justice, social empowerment and social marginalisation. Priority has been given to the pieces which can inspire the learners of emulate the persons who achieved success despite all odds against them or learn to fight against odds.

A number of pieces have been adapted to facilitate comprehension or edited for clarity and to ensure that there is little room for any unwarranted controversy.

Unlike **Panorama Part -I**, the core textbook for class IX, **Panorama English Reader Part -I** does not contain extensive exercises. In fact, there is no such division as *pre-reading tasks*, *while- reading questions* and *post-reading activities*. Here, emphasis is chiefly on enjoyment, comprehension and discussion of the issues under consideration. Exercises are mostly given to hone as well as test the learners' comprehension. However, some of these questions also seek to encourage the learners' ability to evaluate or apply their learning to their immediate surroundings. The topics for discussion are related to the lessons and are meant to stimulate logical thinking in learners, expose them to varying opinions, and encourage them to go beyond the text. The learners at this stage must develop their ability to communicate creatively in a variety of situations.

In **Panorama English Reader Part -I**, attempts have been made to include a variety of questions so that the learners feel encouraged to read the text for a variety of purposes: reading for facts, identifying the central point and supporting details, for developing reasoning and drawing inferences. Some of the exercises are activity-based and they have been introduced to encourage the learners to take help of reference books, an ability which has become so important in the age of globalisation. Once they cultivate a habit to go to the libraries, look up encyclopaedias, read magazines, journals, newspapers and search the Internet for information, they will gradually learn to collect and collate information and write well-knit pieces and present them in the class.

The entire course has been devised to facilitate maximum participation of the learners. The hints and suggestions, offered here, have only one purpose and that is to familiarise the users with the aims and objectives that underlie the preparation of the present supplementary reader so that it is used in the contemporary classroom situations as effectively and rewardingly as possible. The teachers have complete freedom to come out with innovative ideas of their own to meet the objectives. Our efforts will be amply rewarded if the book proves to be a useful tool in learning English at the secondary level in Bihar.

We thank all the esteemed members of the Textbook Development Committee without whose active cooperation the book would not have been in this form. No words can describe the painstaking efforts of Emteyaz Alam, Dr. Baban Kumar Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Mr. Arshad Nizam, Mr. Shashi Bhushan Dubey, Mrs. Mamta Mehrotra, Mr. K.M. Tarique and Dr. Abhay Kumar.

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